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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, June 16, 2014 – For the week ending June 15, 2014, below normal temperatures and rain across most areas of the state dominated the weather pattern, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Activities included cutting and baling alfalfa hay, spraying herbicides, and moving cattle to summer pastures. Statewide, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 86 adequate, and 10 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 86 adequate, and 6 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 29 fair, 61 good, and 6 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 76 percent. Headed was 58 percent, ahead of 35 last year, but behind the five-year average of 66.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 25 fair, 67 good, and 8 excellent. Emerged was 97 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average. Spring wheat jointed was 47 percent. Headed was 9 percent, behind last year at 17 and 26 average.

Oat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 17 fair, 76 good, and 7 excellent. Emerged was 95 percent, behind last year at 100 and 99 average. Oats headed was 32 percent, compared to 15 last year and 25 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 23 fair, 64 good, and 13 excellent. Barley emerged was 89 percent, behind 100 last year and 98 average. Barley jointed was 17 percent. Headed was 1 percent, behind both last year and the average of 15.

Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 75 good, and 9 excellent. Corn emerged was 97 percent complete, near 94 last year and 95 average.

Soybeans condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 75 good, and 9 excellent. Soybeans were 98 percent planted, ahead of 90 last year and 92 average. Emerged was 88 percent, well ahead of last year at 67 and 71 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 9 fair, 86 good, and 5 excellent. Sorghum was 79 percent planted, behind both last year and average of 86. Forty-four percent was emerged, ahead of last year at 34 but behind 49 average.

Sunflowers planted were 67 percent, well ahead of 41 last year and 61 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 65 good, and 12 excellent. Twenty-nine percent of alfalfa hay first cutting was complete, ahead of 16 last year, but behind 38 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 64 good, and 16 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the state.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-06-16-2014.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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